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SUBJECT: CORN OIL RESIDUES CLASSIFICATION

REF: (A) EC BRUSSELS 1742

(B) BONN 4271

(C) EC BRUSSELS 1922

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1. AT REQUEST OF THE TRADE, MEETING HELD WITH TRADE AND INTERESTED DEPARTMENTS APRIL 5 RE PROPOSED EC CHANGES IN CORN OIL RESIDUE (CXT POSITION NUMBER 23.04) SPECIFICATIONS. CONSENSUS OF MEETING WAS (1) WE SEE NO JUSTIFICATION FOR CHANGING CURRENT SPECIFICATIONS AND (2) CORN OIL RESIDUE PRODUCED BY EXPELLER PROCESS COULD NOT MEET PROPOSED NEW SPECIFICATIONS. THEREFORE MISSION REQUESTED TO ADVISE EC COMMISSION THAT, WHILE US APPRECIATES OFFER THAT US WOULD BE INFORMED IN ADVANCE OF NEW INTERPRETATIVE NOTES AND THAT NOMENCLATURE COMMITTEE WILLING TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS OF US CORN OIL PROCESSING INDUSTRY (WE PREFER USE THIS DESIGNATION RATHER THAN CORN CRUSHERS) IN FORMULATING NEW NOTES, US OBJECTS TO PROPOSED CHANGES AS WE SEE NO NEED FOR CHANGES IN CURRENT SPECIFICATION OR FOR SEPARATE SPECIFICATIONS FOR EXPELLER AND SOLVENT PRODUCTS.

2. THE FOLLOWING IS BACKGROUND AND MAY BE USED IN SUPPORTING POINTS OF PARA 1: (A) EC ADOPTION OF THE PROPOSED SPECIFICATIONS WOULD BE VIEWED AS DISCRIMINATING AGAINST THE EXPELLER PRODUCT AS COMPARED TO THE SOLVENT PRODUCT, AND THUS DISCRIMINATING AGAINST US EXPORTS VIS- A- VIS SOUTH AFRICAN EXPORTS, SINCE THE US IS THE ONLY EXPORTER OF RESIDUE PRODUCED BY THE EXPELLER PROCESS (B) THERE IS NO APPARENT REASON WHY SEPARATE SPECIFICATIONS FOR SOLVENT AND EXPELLER PRODUCTS WOULD SIMPLIFY CUSTOMS ADMINISTRATION. IT MIGHT, ON THE CONTRARY, MAKE CUSTOMS ADMINISTRATION MORE DIFFICULT (C) IF IT WOULD BE USEFUL JANSSENS AND KAISER OF NOMENCLATURE COMMITTEE COULD BE INVITED TO US TO INSPECT PROCESSING METHOD. WE UNDERSTAND THEY HAVE VISITED SOUTH AFRICA
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FOR SIMILAR PURPOSE.

3. INFORMATION CONTAINED IN PARA 5 REF A IS CORRECT.

ABOUT 60 PERCENT OF CORN OIL RESIDUE EXPORTED BY US
IS EXPELLER PRODUCT. IT EXTREMELY DIFFICULT FOR EXPELLER
PRODUCT TO MEET 40 PERCENT STARCH REQUIREMENT, AND
IMPOSSIBLE TO MEET 14 TO 14.5 PERCENT PROTEIN REQUIRE-
MENT. WHILE IT IS TRUE THAT MOST SHIPMENTS ARRIVE IN
EUROPE AT STARCH AND PROTEIN CONTENTS WITHIN LEVELS
SPECIFIED UNDER CURRENT REGULATION, VARIATIONS IN RAW
PRODUCTS, SAMPLING METHODS AND ANALYSIS RESULTS MAKE A
MARGIN OF SAFETY ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY. WE SEE NO
JUSTIFICATION FOR THE PROPOSED CHANGES IN PROTEIN, FAT
AND STARCH CONTENT BUT DO ACCEPT ARGUMENT THAT
SPECIFICATION OF 30 PERCENT CORN GERM CONTENT SHOULD BE
REMOVED AS IT IS UNMEASURABLE. ROGERS

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